

5872. Adulteration of sardines. U. S. * * * v. 200 Cases of Sardines. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction.
(F. & D. No. 8448. I. S. No. 1408-p. S. No. E-879.)

On August 21, 1917, the United States attorney for the Southern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel for the seizure and condemnation of 200 cases of sardines, remaining unsold in the original unbroken packages at New York, N. Y., alleging that the article had been shipped on or about July 10, 1917, by the E. W. Brown Co., Portland, Me., and transported from the State of Maine into the State of New York, and charging adulteration in violation of the Food and Drugs Act. The article was labeled in part, "Clyde-American Sardines."

Adulteration of the article was alleged in the libel for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance, to wit, decomposed sardines.

On October 13, 1917, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product should be destroyed by the United States marshal.

CARL VROOMAN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*